VOTES

OF THE HONOURABLE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

OF

JAMAICA,

IN A SESSION

Begun May 1, *and ended May* 9, 1792.

Being the Sixth Session *of the preſent Aſſembly.*

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Martis, 1° die Maii, 1792.

THE ASSEMBLY being met, according to proclamation, Mr Grant waited on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and acquainted him therewith.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Provoſt-Marſhal, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in the King's name, commands the attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Council Chamber, immediately."

Whereupon Mr Speaker and the whole Houſe went up, and being returned,

Ordered, That the rules of the laſt Seſſion be the ſtanding rules of the Houſe.

Mr. Speaker reported, that the Houſe had attended the Lieutenant-Governor, in the Council-Chamber, and that his Honour was pleaſed to open the Seſſion with a ſpeech, of which, Mr Speaker ſaid, he had, to prevent miſtakes, obtained a copy; and the ſame, being read, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

" *GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL,*

" *Mr. SPEAKER, and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" I AM ſorry to have been under the neceſſity of convening you at a ſeaſon of the year ſo unſuitable with your private concerns; but the buſineſs which induced it, is of a nature that allowed me no alternative.

" *Mr. SPEAKER, and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" His Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to attend to your addreſs of the 4th November laſt, requeſting an augmentation of the regiments here, and alſo a regiment of light cavalry, of three hundred men.

" Two regiments at Halifax, in Nova-Scotia, have received orders to embark for this iſland, if it ſhould be judged neceſſary for me to apply for them.

" The regiment of light cavalry his Majeſty has conſented to, and part thereof are already arrived.

" I ſhall immediately lay before you the conditions, on which it is ſtipulated that this additional force is to be granted, to enable you, as early as poſſible, to take the ſame into your moſt ſerious conſideration; and permit me to indulge a hope, that whatever meaſures you ſhall think proper to adopt upon the occaſion, may be ſo definitive as to leave me without difficulty and without ſuſpence.

" *GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL,*

" *Mr. SPEAKER, and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" I HAVE the pleaſure to aſſure you, that the readineſs with which you have concurred with me in endeavouring to ſecure the tranquillity and proſperity of the iſland, has been highly ſatisfactory to his Majeſty."

A motion being made, that a Committee be appointed to prepare an humble addreſs to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in anſwer to his ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion;

Ordered, That Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Shirley, and Mr. M'Lean, be a Committee for that purpoſe.

Ordered, That his Honour's ſpeech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, to-morrow morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into conſideration his Honour's ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion.

Ordered, That all ſtanding Committees of the late Seſſions be revived.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this iſland do forthwith ſend unto the Houſe the ſeveral original laws of this iſland, now in his cuſtody.

Ordered, That the clerk appointed by the Committee of Correſpondence do forthwith ſend unto the Houſe all books, papers, and writings, now in his cuſtody, belonging to the ſaid Committee.

A motion being made, that a Committee be appointed to inſpect into the condition of the arms and accoutrements ſent out by the Agent, for the militia of this iſland, and to make a report thereof to the Houſe;

Ordered, That Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Batty, be a Committee for that purpoſe.

A meſſage

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to lay before the Houſe of Aſſembly a letter from the Right Honourable Mr. Dundas, one of the principal Secretaries of State; ſignifying his Majeſty's pleaſure with reſpect to the required augmentation of the infantry, and alſo the regiment of cavalry, with the eſtimate of the expence of the latter."

" *Whitehall, 7th January*, 1792.

" MY LORD,

" BY a private letter from General Williamſon, of which I ſend your Lordſhip an extract, and by a communication of papers from Mr. Fuller, Agent for the iſland of Jamaica, of which I ſend you copies, I am led to believe, that although the addreſs therein referred to has not been officially received, it has paſſed the Aſſembly, and therefore I mean to write to you upon the ſuppoſition that it has been actually received.

" Upon the firſt reading of the concluding parts of the addreſs, I was led to conceive, that it was the intention of the Aſſembly to offer to bear the whole expence of the additional force which they have ſolicited from his Majeſty. But upon a more attentive peruſal of the terms of the addreſs, it has occurred to me, that poſſibly they only mean to bear that proportion of expence, which they are accuſtomed to bear with reſpect to his Majeſty's troops now ſtationed in the iſland. This induces me to ſtate more at large to your Lordſhip, than might otherwiſe have been neceſſary at this time, his Majeſty's ſentiments on the requeſt of the Aſſembly of Jamaica; and with that view it is neceſſary to premiſe, that, from the preſent general ſtate of Europe, and the continuance of tranquillity which this country has juſt cauſe to depend upon, a reduction of the preſent military and naval eſtabliſhments muſt form an immediate object of the attention of his Majeſty's ſervants.

" Upon a review of the military eſtabliſhments of this country, it appears, that from the year 1764, to the year 1775, a period when the proſpect of a continuance of peace was not more flattering than at preſent, the allotment of military force for the iſland of Jamaica did not exceed, at a medium, two regiments, about 800 men. The preſent eſtabliſhment allotted to that ſervice is no leſs than four regiments, amounting to 1868 eſtabliſhment, an increaſe which has been occaſioned by the ſame circumſtances which have rendered it neceſſary to keep up in Great Britain, and moſt of the dependencies of the empire, a greater force than under the change of circumſtances is now thought to be neceſſary. The reſult therefore of the conſideration which his Majeſty's ſervants have given to the ſubject is, that upon a general view of the ſtate of the empire, independent of circumſtances of a temporary, or of a local nature, it would be proper to recur to the eſtabliſhment for the iſland of Jamaica which took place during the period of eleven years to which I have already referred. In this conſideration, however, his Majeſty's ſervants have not omitted to pay due attention to the repreſentations which have recently been laid before them and are now re ſtated in the copy of the addreſs of the 4th November laſt. Theſe circumſtances have already induced them to order a regiment to be removed from Barbadoes to the iſland of Jamaica, and will likewiſe induce them to poſtpone, during the next ſeſſion of Parliament, moving for any reduction of the military force preſently ſtationed in the Weſt-Indies. This delay has taken place not only from the urgency of the repreſentations which have lately been made, but in order to give time to

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Aſſemblies of the different iſlands to take this ſubject under their deliberate conſideration; becauſe, if, from local circumſtances, or, from circumſtances of internal policy, they conceive it to be eſſential to keep up an eſtabliſhment beyond the ſcale of that which was deemed neceſſary during the years between 1764 and 1775 inclusive, they will naturally be expected to take the proper and effectual means to make a proviſion for the exceſs of eſtabliſhment, which they may require, beyond the allotment of that period.

" Your Lordſhip muſt feel how much more important a due attention to this ſubject is rendered, by the demand of additional force now made by the Aſſembly of Jamaica. If they are of opinion, that ſuch a force is neceſſary, either permanently, or for a limited period, the expence will be the whole of what is requiſite for the *pay of the privates*, and for the maintenance and accommodation, as well of the privates, as of the officers of the regiments of infantry already there, or that may be ſent there in virtue of the preſent requiſition, beyond the eſtabliſhment allotted for the iſland in the years between 1764 and 1775. I mention the pay of the privates only, becauſe it is not the intention of his Majeſty's ſervants to propoſe a reduction of the preſent eſtabliſhment of officers, and they have no deſire to load the iſland with any expence, beyond the additional expence to be actually incurred in conſequence of a compliance with their requiſition. The Cavalry demanded by them is a compleat addition of eſtabliſhment to its whole extent, and of courſe the whole expence of it muſt be borne by them. I cannot at preſent give your Lordſhip a minute ſtatement of the whole of the expence ariſing from the articles I have detailed, but ſhall tranſmit it to you by the earlieſt opportunity after I am enabled to do ſo.

" Having thus explained to your Lordſhip the general principles on which it is his Majeſty's pleaſure you ſhould communicate with the Aſſembly of Jamaica on this ſubject, I have his Majeſty's commands at the ſame time to inform you, that with a view of relieving the iſland from its preſent alarm, he has directed the Secretary at War to ſend an eventual order to the commanding officer of the province of Nova-Scotia, to obey any requiſition which may come from your Lordſhip, for the tranſporting two regiments from Halifax to Jamaica This reinforcement, joined to the regiment which muſt already have come from the iſland of Barbadoes, would give to the iſland of Jamaica the full addition to the force of infantry they have ſolicited. It was impoſſible to do it in the form of augmentation to the ſtrength of the regiments already there, becauſe ſuch a meaſure would break in upon the arrangement of the eſtabliſhment of the army in general; and from what I have already ſtated to you, there will be no difference of expence between the two modes, except as far as may ariſe from the maintenance and accommodation of the increaſed number of officers.

" I am therefore commanded by his Majeſty to convey his directions to your Lordſhip, that if the Aſſembly of Jamaica explicitly agree and pledge themſelves to defray the expence I have detailed in the former part of this diſpatch, your Lordſhip will take the meaſures you ſhall judge moſt effectual for ſpeedily tranſporting the two regiments from Nova Scotia, reſpecting which the Secretary at War has tranſmitted his Majeſty's commands, in the letter of which I ſend you a copy.

" With reſpect to the cavalry, it is his Majeſty's intention to take immediate ſteps for complying with that part of the Aſſembly's requeſt, becauſe a delay in complying with it till a return can be had from your Lordſhip, how far the iſland is willing to acquieſce in the conditions under which, only, it can be permitted to remain in the iſland, might be attended with inconvenience. His Majeſty has therefore given orders for ſending to the iſland of Jamaica 150 diſmounted cavalry, in part of the 300, which the Aſſembly have requeſted.

requeſted. His Majeſty has not judged it expedient to ſend more at firſt, becauſe, having taken every proper means to obtain the beſt information on the ſubject, his Majeſty is adviſed, that to ſend horſes of the kind uſed for cavalry in this country, would not only be attended with an enormous expence to the iſland, but they would not be in any material degree ſerviceable for the object in view. The information I have laid before his Majeſty induces me to believe, that the provinces of Georgia, Virginia, or Rhode-Iſland, are the places the moſt proper from whence to obtain a ſupply of horſes adapted to the ſervice; and that they can be obtained and landed in the iſland at an expence not exceeding the original price at which they could be purchaſed in this country. Georgia is repreſented as the moſt proper place. This conſideration, joined to the other circumſtance of the horſes of this country not being nearly ſo well calculated for the ſervice, affords a deciſive reaſon for only ſending, in the firſt inſtance, 150 of the men demanded. Probably to that amount the iſland may be able to mount immediately, and the remaining 150 will be ſent in ſuch time as to reach the iſland of Jamaica before the further ſupply of horſes neceſſary for their uſe can be procured.

"Having thus fully laid before your Lordſhip his Majeſty's commands on this ſubject, to which your Lordſhip will pay due attention, it remains for me to direct you, in caſe the Aſſembly of Jamaica do not ſee it neceſſary to comply with the conditions I have pointed out reſpecting the regiments ſtationed in Nova Scotia, to give the earlieſt intimation to the officer commanding in that province, that the requiſition he is commanded to obey will not be made; and you will, at the ſame time, give me the earlieſt information you can on the ſame ſubject, that the intended reductions, poſtponed on account of this ſervice, may not be unneceſſarily retarded. And, in like manner, if the Aſſembly of Jamaica do not think it expedient to retain the ſervice of the cavalry on the terms which have been propoſed, your Lordſhip will take the proper meaſures for returning them without delay.

"In obeying the commands I have received from his Majeſty, your Lordſhip will have obſerved, that I have avoided entering on any diſcuſſion of what is ſtated in the firſt part of the Aſſembly's addreſs. No propoſition has been brought forward in this country reſpecting the negroes at preſent in the Weſt India iſlands. It is highly probable, that the calamitous ſtate of the iſland of St. Domingo may afford juſt cauſe of alarm to the planters of the iſland of Jamaica, and of courſe induce them to take every precaution to prevent the principles, which have occaſioned the inſurrection in St Domingo, from reaching to the iſland of Jamaica. I cannot at the ſame time avoid intimating, that there are very obvious cauſes to which that inſurrection muſt be aſcribed, wholly independent of any opinions entertained, or any propoſitions brought forward by any perſons, of any deſcription in Great-Britain. The proprietors of Weſt India property have certainly derived great advantages to the preſent value of their produce, from the preſent diſaſtrous ſtate of that iſland, and it is matter of ſerious regret that theſe advantages have not been obtained without expoſing our own Weſt India iſlands to thoſe dangers which appear ſo much, and perhaps ſo juſtly to alarm them. From the contents of this letter they muſt be ſatisfied of his Majeſty's anxious endeavours to put them in a ſituation to relieve themſelves from the continuance of thoſe apprehenſions.

"I am, my Lord, your Lordſhip's moſt obedient humble ſervant,

HENRY DUNDAS."

"*Earl of Effingham.*"

ESTABLISHMENT of Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Gardner Corps of Light Dragoons 1792.

	FOR ONE DAY.			FOR 365 DAYS		
	Full Pay.	Subsist.	Arrears	Full Pay.	Subsistence.	Arrears
1 Lt. Col & Capt. Com	1 4 6	18 6		447 2 6	337 12 6	82 3 10
1 Major and Captain	1 6	15 6		374 2 6	282 17 6	68 8 4
1 Captain	15 6	11 6		282 17 6	209 17 6	55 14 5¾
1 more	15 6	11 6		282 17 6	209 17 6	55 14 5¾
1 Lieutenant	9	7		164 5	127 15	26 9 4¼
3 more	1 7	1 1		492 15	383 5	79 8 1¼
1 Cornet	8	6		146	109 10	27 11 8
3 more	1 4	18		438	328 10	82 15
1 Chaplain	6 8	5		121 13 4	91 5	22 19 8¾
1 Adjutant	5	4 6		91 5	82 2 6	3 11 ½
1 Surgeon	6	4 6		109 10	82 2 6	20 13 9
1 Mate	3 6	3		63 17 6	54 15	5 4 5¾
1 Quarter-Master	5 6	4		100 7 6	73	21 4 10¾
3 more	16 6	12		301 2 6	219	63 14 8¼
1 Serjeant	2 9	2 3		45 12 6	41 1 3	
15 more	2 1 3	1 13 9		684 7 6	615 18 9	
1 Corporal	2 3	1 9		36 10	31 18 9	
15 more	1 13 9	1 6 3		547 10	479 1 3	
1 Trumpeter	2 3	1 9		36 10	31 18 9	
3 more	6 9	5 3		109 10	95 16 3	
1 private Dragoon	1 9	1 5		27 7 6	25 17 1	
263 more-total 320	23 3	18 12 7		7 99 12 6	6799 12 11	
Allowance to Widows	8			146		
Ditto to the Col. for clothing loft	10	4 8		182 10	85 3 4	
Allowance to Agent	4 8	4 8		83 3 4	85 3 4	
1 Hautbois	2	1 6		36 10	27 7 6	
3 more	6	4 6		109 10	82 2 6	
	38 8 10	30 2 4	1 3 $\frac{30}{365}$	14031 4 2	10992 11 8	6 5 13 7

Arrears		£. 615 13 7
Subsiſtence		10992 11 8
Off-reckonings		1513 4 9
Widows		138 6
Poundage		633 2 5
Hoſpital		34 13 10
Agency		103 11 10½
Total		£ 14031 4 2

EXTRA ALLOWANCES.

Four Captains, at 30*l.* each	£. 120	
Paymaſter	40	
Carried forward,	£. 160	£. 14031 4 2

Brought

Brought forward, -		£ 160	£. 14031	4 2
Surgeon - - - - -		32		
Riding Maſter - - - -		93 4		
Graſs-money to non-commiſſioned officers and privates, at 1*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* each - - -		477 10		
			762 14	
	Sterling, -		£ 14793 18	2
	Currency, -		19711 9	5
Rations for 300 men, at 5/4 each per week, -	£. 4110			
Allowance for 20 officers, at 50*l.* -	1000			
20 cart-horſes yearly, at 45*l.* - -	900			
Clothing for 32 black pioneers, at 5*l* each -	160			
Rations for ditto, at 5/4 each per week -	443 14 8			
Hoſpital				
Extra Feed				
Marches and contingencies				
Recruiting				
			6613 14	8
Total of the annual expence, excluſive of the above blanks—Currency			£ 26325	4 1

CHARGES on firſt eſtabliſhing the CORPS.

32 black pioneers, at 70*l* each - - - - -		£. 2240
300 horſes, at 45*l.* each - - - -		13500
Horſe-furniture and accoutrements for 300 men, at 5*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* ſterling each, is 1751*l.* 5*s.* ſterling - - - -		2451
Barracks		
Stables		
Riding Houſes		

It is to be obſerved, that one half the ſum allowed for each private man's ſubſiſtence, viz. £. 12 : 18 : 6½ ſterling, per year, and amounting for 300 to £. 3878 : 2 : 6 ſterling, annually, gives for forage; the difference between which and the actual expence to be provided by the iſland.

Ordered, That the above meſſage and papers therewith ſent, be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Reſolved, That Mr. Speaker do authorize any perſon to print the votes of this ſeſſion, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Mercurii,

Mercurii, 2° die Maii, 1792.

MR. Chief-Juſtice, from the Committee appointed to prepare an humble addreſs to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in anſwer to his ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion, reported the ſame, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, where being again read,

Reſolved, That the ſaid addreſs be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into ſuch Committee.

Mr Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Chief Juſtice took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr Chief Juſtice, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the addreſs, and had made one amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, where being again read, was agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid addreſs be engroſſed.

Ordered, That there be a call of the Houſe to-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Jovis, 3° die Maii, 1792.

THE engroſſed addreſs to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, was read in the words following:

Jamaica, ſs.

Jamaica, ſſ.

To his Honour ADAM WILLIAMSON, *Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over this his Majeſty's iſland of Jamaica, and other the territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the ſame:*

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We, his Majeſty's dutiful and loyal ſubjects, the Aſſembly of Jamaica, beg leave to return your Honour our ſincere thanks, for your ſpeech at the opening of this ſeſſion.

"However inconvenient to our private concerns at this very unſeaſonable time of the year, whenever the public welfare demands it, we ſhall always be ready to give our attendance, as our firſt and principal duty.

His Majeſty's gracious attention to our addreſs of the 4th day of November laſt, by ordering conſiderable reinforcements to our immediate aſſiſtance, demands our warmeſt acknowledgments and gratitude.

The ſtipulated condition on which this additional force is to be granted will require our moſt ſerious conſideration, and your Honour may rely, that whatever reſolutions may be adopted thereon will be as deciſive and free from ſuſpence as the circumſtances of our critical ſituation, and the abilities of our conſtituents, will admit of.

It is with peculiar ſatisfaction we learn, that our conduct for ſecuring the tranquillity and proſperity of the iſland has met with his Majeſty's approbation, and, be aſſured, Sir, it will ever be our warmeſt wiſh to concur with you in every meaſure that may tend to ſuch great and ſalutary purpoſes."

Reſolved, That the ſaid addreſs do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and to acquaint you, that having an humble addreſs to preſent, they deſire to know when you will pleaſe to be attended."

Ordered, That Mr. Galbraith and Mr. White be a Committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker went up with the whole Houſe; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the Houſe had attended the Lieutenant-Governor, and preſented their addreſs, to which his Honour was pleaſed to return an anſwer, of which, Mr. Speaker ſaid, to prevent miſtakes, he had obtained a copy, and the ſame, being read, is as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER, and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" I RETURN you my thanks for your addreſs, and I hope you will be able to finiſh the ſeſſion ſo as to return ſoon to the country, and attend to your private concerns.

" I have not the ſmalleſt doubt but that you will take ſuch prudent and deciſive meaſures, as will enable me to render ſuch augmentation of force as you ſhall adopt competent and effective.

" I ſhall ever feel a pleaſure in continuing to concur with you for the ſafety and honour of the iſland."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Blake took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported one reſolution, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again read, was agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as follows:

" THAT it be recommended to the Houſe to ſend a meſſage to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform him, that they continue to entertain the greateſt apprehenſions from the dangerous ſtate of Hiſpaniola, and are moſt anxious to ſee the military force ſtationed in this iſland augmented; that his Majeſty's paternal goodneſs towards us, ſo ſtrongly confirmed by his having been pleaſed to order two regiments, now at Halifax in Nova-Scotia, to be ready to embark for this iſland, commands the moſt dutiful ſentiments of gratitude and loyalty on our part; but that we are infinitely diſtreſſed by the unexpected conditions annexed by his Majeſty's Miniſters, previous to their being ſent for by his Honour; for, if we do not ſubmit to them in the moſt unqualified terms, we run the riſk of loſing the benefit of ſuch a powerful reinforcement, at a time when it is moſt wanted; and, on the other hand, if we accede to them, we give up a right that is at the ſame time our ſafety and our pride. We are Britiſh ſubjects in every ſenſe of the word; and, as ſuch, are equally entitled to the protection of the Britiſh navy and army, in common with our fellow-ſubjects in Europe, for we contribute, at leaſt, in an equal degree with them, to the increaſe of the revenue, navigation, and commerce, of the parent ſtate; and whether danger ariſes from foreign wars or internal commotions, his Majeſty's Miniſters are equally reſponſible for our ſafety; but ſhould it be contended, that we are to protect ourſelves, and no longer to be protected by Great-Britain in caſes of internal commotions, fears, apprehenſions, want of credit will neceſſarily follow, and ruin muſt enſue: It is, therefore, with the utmoſt regret that we are forced to ſay, that the conditions demanded by Mr. Secretary Dundas, in his letter of the 7th of January laſt, to the late Earl of Effingham, are inadmiſſible; but we flatter ourſelves, that his Honour will take into his conſideration, that from the reduction of the military force which is taking place, and from the return of the Britiſh merchant ſhips to Great-Britain, great apprehenſions muſt neceſſarily ariſe from the continuance of the rebellion at Hiſpaniola, now extended to ſuch an alarming degree that it may with truth be ſaid, that its white inhabitants are reduced to the precarious poſſeſſion of only a few ſea-port towns;

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and that, under theſe circumſtances, his Honour will conſider himſelf at liberty to order ſuch a reinforcement as he ſhall deem neceſſary for our ſafety and protection."

And then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe, the Committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Veneris, 4° die Maii, 1792.

PRAYERS. ORDERED, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and to inform you, that the Houſe continue to entertain the greateſt apprehenſions from the dangerous ſtate of Hiſpaniola, and are moſt anxious to ſee the military force ſtationed in this iſland augmented; that his Majeſty's paternal goodneſs towards us, ſo ſtrongly confirmed by his having been pleaſed to order two regiments, now at Halifax in Nova-Scotia, to be ready to embark for this iſland, commands the moſt dutiful ſentiments of gratitude and loyalty on our part; but that we are infinitely diſtreſſed by the unexpected conditions annexed by his Majeſty's Miniſters, previous to their being ſent for by your Honour; for, ſhould we not ſubmit to them in the moſt unqualified terms, we run the riſk of loſing the benefit of ſo powerful a reinforcement at a time when moſt wanted; and, on the other hand, if we accede to ſuch terms, we give up a right that is at the ſame time our ſafety and our pride. We are Britiſh ſubjects in every ſenſe of the word, and, as ſuch, are equally entitled to the protection of the Britiſh navy and army, in common with our fellow-ſubjects in Europe, for we contribute, at leaſt, in an equal degree with them, to the increaſe of the revenue, navigation, and commerce, of the parent ſtate; and whether danger ariſes from foreign wars or internal commotions, his Majeſty's Miniſters are equally reſponſible for our ſafety; but ſhould it be contended, that we are to protect ourſelves, and no longer to be protected by Great-Britain in caſes of internal commotions, fears, apprehenſions, want of credit, will neceſſarily follow, and ruin muſt enſue:

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It is, therefore, with the utmoſt regret, that the Houſe are forced to ſay, that the conditions demanded by Mr. Secretary Dundas, in his letter of the 7th of January laſt, to the late Earl of Effingham, are inadmiſſible; but they flatter themſelves, that your Honour will take into your conſideration, that, from the reduction of the military force which is taking place, and from the return of the Britiſh merchant ſhips to Great Britain, great apprehenſions muſt neceſſarily ariſe from the continuance of the rebellion at Hiſpaniola, now extended to ſuch an alarming degree, that it may with truth be ſaid, that its white inhabitants are reduced to the precarious poſſeſſion of only a few ſea-port towns; and that, under theſe circumſtances, your Honour will conſider yourſelf at liberty to order ſuch a reinforcement as you ſhall deem neceſſary for our ſafety and protection."

Ordered, That Mr. Lewis and Mr Cockburn be a Committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to acquaint the Houſe, that he has received ſome extracts from the Minutes of the Colonial Aſſembly at St. Domingo, wherein, after expreſſing the greateſt obligation to the Aſſembly of Jamaica, for their reſolution voting ten thouſand pounds ſterling for their relief; which, being found inſufficient, they beg leave to decline the acceptance of"

Ordered, That the above meſſage be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take farther into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland, immediately.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into ſuch Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the Committee, reported four reſolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where the firſt reſolution, being again read, was agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as follows:

"1. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to appoint a Committee to draw up an humble addreſs to the King, to thank his Majeſty for his paternal goodneſs, in affording protection to his Majeſty's faithful ſubjects in this iſland, by ordering two regiments, now ſtationed at Halifax in Nova-Scotia, to hold themſelves in readineſs to embark for this iſland; and to aſſure his Majeſty, that, in the alarming ſituation in which we are placed, by the rebellion ſtill exiſting with unabated force in Hiſpaniola, it is with infinite regret that we cannot avail ourſelves of his Majeſty's paternal care and anxiety for our ſecurity, owing to the unprecedented and unexpected condition annexed to it by his Majeſty's Miniſters, of explicitly pledging ourſelves to defray the expences of Britiſh pay to ſuch of his Majeſty's troops as may be ordered to our aſſiſtance; a condition that, if once agreed to by us, would prove fatal to the colony when the prices of ſugar ſhall be reduced to its uſual ſtandard; and humbly to repreſent to his Majeſty, that this colony was reduced to

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the utmoſt diſtreſs by the efforts made during the laſt American war, to reſiſt the united forces of all the foes of Great-Britain; that the diſtreſſes occaſioned at that time were ſuch, that the whole ſugar crop, remitted to Great Britain in 1783, paid little more than the duties to the Crown, and the charges of the Britiſh merchants *on our firſt and principal ſtaples*; that, at the end of this unfortunate war, a ſucceſſion of hurricanes hitherto unknown ſo completely ruined many families, even amongſt the oldeſt ſettlers in the iſland, that a great number of eſtates were ſold to pay the debts incurred in the mother country; that the high price of ſugar unexpectedly has given ſome relief to the diſtreſſed planters, and that, though we lament the principal cauſe of ſuch high prices, we can declare to his Majeſty, that only ſuch accidental and temporary increaſe in the value of our ſtaples could have ſaved this iſland from abſolute bankruptcy; that we have always moſt chearfully afforded every additional ſubſiſtence and comfort in our power, not only to his Majeſty's troops ſtationed in this iſland, but to their wives and children, and our grants have been ſo liberal that we can venture to affirm, that the troops ſtationed in Jamaica are as healthy and better provided for than in any other part of his Majeſty's dominions; that the ſums which have been granted to build and repair the forts, conſtructed for the defence of the iſland againſt foreign enemies, to provide barracks and hoſpitals for the army, and for the pay and ſubſiſtence of our militia, in wars wherein the iſland had no other concern but being part of the Britiſh Empire, if referred to, will demonſtrate our zeal for the proſperity of the parent ſtate; but that, independently of the riſk of pledging ourſelves, whilſt the price of ſugar is ſo uncertain, we cannot vote the ſums demanded by his Majeſty's Miniſters, inaſmuch as we would thereby admit a principle directly repugnant to the rights of the inhabitants of this important colony, who are undoubtedly entitled to equal protection, and on ſimilar terms, (whether the danger ariſes from foreign wars or internal commotions) with thoſe of his Majeſty's ſubjects who have the happineſs of being placed near his ſacred perſon; that it is a right moſt valuable and which we cannot give up; and therefore humbly to pray, that his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to continue to afford us that protection, as heretofore, to which we are entitled, and the right to which we ſhall take care to preſerve by our loyalty to his Majeſty, and attachment to Great-Britain."

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Blake, and Mr. William Mitchell, be a Committee for that purpoſe.

The ſecond reſolution, being again read, is as follows:

"2. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to ſend a meſſage to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, informing him, that the regiment of cavalry having been raiſed, and in part arrived, at the requeſt of this Houſe, for ſecuring the internal ſafety of the iſland at this alarming juncture, this Houſe will provide for the whole expence of it, from year to year, during the period that it may be neceſſary to have the ſaid regiment ſtationed in this iſland; although the terms and conditions are unprecedented in this colony, and what we humbly conceive an infringement on our inherent and conſtitutional rights, and different from the terms on which the requiſition for the ſaid regiment of cavalry was made; that this Houſe, however, conſider, that as they already contribute their full proportion to the ſupport of the empire, they are entitled to an efficient protection from the Britiſh Government, adequate to their local ſituation and circumſtances, without being compelled to purchaſe that protection for the preſervation of their lives and properties."

And a motion being made to agree thereto,—

The Houſe divided.

The Noes went forth.

Ayes, 23.—Mr. Campbell, Mr. Scott, (of Hordley) Mr Blake, Mr. Rodon, Mr Cockburn, Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Vanheelen, Mr. Barton, Mr. Tharp, Mr Rennalls, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. White, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Batty, Mr. M'Lean, Mr Vaughan, Mr. Wallen, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Fuller, and Mr. Grant.

Noes, 3—Mr. Lewis, Mr. Kemeys, and Mr. Anderſon.

So it was reſolved in the affirmative.

The third reſolution, being again read, is as follows.

"3. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a Committee, to prepare and bring in a bill for raiſing an additional tax on the poll, for the pay and ſubſiſtence of Lieutenant Colonel Gardner's regiment of light dragoons, and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned."

And a motion being made, and the queſtion put, that the Houſe do agree to the report,

It was reſolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Cockburn, and Mr. Rodon, be a Committee for that purpoſe.

Then the fourth reſolution, being again read, was agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as follows:

"4. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to reſcind the following reſolution of the 15th day of March laſt: 'That the Receiver-General do iſſue certificates, (counterſigned by three of the Commiſſioners of Accounts) bearing an intereſt of 6*l* per cent to the amount of 10,000*l*. ſterling, in payment of bills to be drawn by the Government of St. Domingo on the Treaſury of France; which bills are to be made payable to our Agent on the Royal Exchange of London, free of all coſts and loſſes;' the ſaid Government of St Domingo having declined the acceptance thereof."

And then Mr Blake acquainted the Houſe, the Committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A motion being made, that the Houſe do come to the following reſolution:

"That it be an inſtruction to the Committee, appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for laying an additional tax on the poll, that ſaid tax ſhall extend only to ſuch ſlave-owners as have one hundred ſlaves and upwards."

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The Houſe divided.

The ayes went forth.

Ayes, 14 —Mr Rodon, Mr Campbell, Mr Shirley, Mr Wallen, Mr Cockburn, Mr. White, Mr. Vanheelen, Mr Galbraith, Mr. Kemeys, Mr. Barton, Mr. Blake, Mr. Grant, Mr. Batty, and Mr. Thompſon.

Noes, 13 —Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Rennalls, Mr James Mitchell, Mr. Tharp. Mr Lewis, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Scott (of Hordley) Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Fitch, Mr Fuller, and Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards.

So it was reſolved in the affirmative.

A motion being made, that a Committee be appointed to bring in a bill to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to take ſlaves from the ſeveral workhouſes of this iſland, for certain purpoſes, and on certain conditions;

Ordered, That Mr. Grant, Mr Kemeys, and Mr. White, be a Committee for that purpoſe.

Mr M'Lean, from the Committee, appointed to inſpect into the condition of the arms and accoutrements ſent out by the Agent for the militia of this iſland, and to make a report thereof to the Houſe, reported,

" THAT they have examined the ſame, and do find, that the muſquets and accoutrements for infantry are not ſuch as were recommended by the Committee of Correſpondence, in their letter of the 5th of November laſt, to be preferred; they appearing to be calculated for ſea ſervice, being ſhorter than muſquets commonly uſed on ſhore; and they appear to have been old muſquets cut down, with new ſights put on; the ſtocks are clumſy, with flat butts, and wooden in place of ſteel ram-rods, and ſome of the locks are indifferent.

" The cartridge-boxes and belts are made to bind round the body, inſtead of croſs-belts and pouches.

" The carbines for the cavalry appear to be very proper and good arms."

Mr Batty, from the Commiſſioners appointed to inſpect the books of the Receiver-General, and to ſettle and adjuſt the public accounts, reported,

" THAT, ſince the cloſe of the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, the Commiſſioners of Accounts have had further experience of the defects in the preſent regulations, eſtabliſhed for the collection and payment into office of the public taxes; for, inſtead of a conſiderable receipt on account of the arrears of the laſt and former years, from whence alone the treaſury can, under the preſent ſyſtem, derive its reſources at this ſeaſon of the year, there appears to be an increaſe of debt due by the collecting conſtables for arrears of taxes, the ſums paid into office ſince the laſt September quarter having been ſo very inconſiderable, in proportion to the amount of monies iſſued in ſatisfaction of the public demands, that the balance of caſh in the Receiver-General's hands, on account of the annual

annual funds, the 30th of April laſt, was reduced to £. 6511 : 1, of which upwards of £. 4000 was payable to the contractor for ſupplying his Majeſty's troops, and, within a month, he will have a claim to as much more to be paid to him in ſpecie; without any aſſiſtance to be expected in the mean time from the taxes to be collected for the preſent year. The Receiver-General having repreſented upon this occaſion, that the great and general ſcarcity of current ſpecie gave reaſon to apprehend it would be impoſſible to comply with the terms of the contract requiring that mode of payment, and that he attributed partly to that cauſe the backwardneſs of the collecting conſtables in their remittances, it became neceſſary for the Commiſſioners to conſider of ſuch immediate meaſures as appeared moſt eligible to ſupply the deficiency; and, in this view, they have authorized the Receiver-General to iſſue to Alexander Donaldſon, Eſquire, in payment of his contract, public notes in ſums of 5, 10, and 20, pounds, payable to the ſaid A. Donaldſon, or bearer, on demand, which he is willing to accept of to a certain amount in lieu of ſpecie; and, from the credit the office is in, it is expected they will anſwer, ſo far, the purpoſe of an increaſed circulation: An advertiſement was at the ſame time directed to be publiſhed, requiring ſpeedy payments, as well of the debts due to his Majeſty's revenue by individuals as of the arrears of quit rents, and arrears of annual taxes, to a large amount, due by collecting conſtables. The Commiſſioners cannot entertain any ſanguine expectations of the effect of this advertiſement, and have to regret the probable neceſſity of recurring to legal proceſs, and the conſequent delay attending it, circumſtances which deſerve, more particularly at this juncture, the ſerious attention of the Houſe, conſidering the increaſe of the liſt of arrears, and the great augmentation of debt which muſt of courſe ariſe from the neceſſary increaſe of taxes; they ſubmit, alſo, to the conſideration of the Houſe, that whilſt the ſubſiſtence of his Majeſty's troops, and other contingent expences of Government, require a monthly and very heavy diſburſement of ſpecie, the ſcarcity of it in this iſland is ſeverely and generally experienced; and, by the lateſt advices from North America, it is equally complained of on that part of the continent; but from whatever cauſes in the courſe of commercial tranſactions this want of it may proceed, or whether it be more or leſs general, the Commiſſioners eſteem it to be dangerous to interfere in the natural fluctuations attending the free and uninterrupted exchanges of it, and they are of opinion, that the evil will be ſufficiently remedied by an application to Miniſtry, for permiſſion to ſhip for this iſland Britiſh coin to an amount equal to the payment of the army on this ſtation, and of the Governor's ſalary"

Ordered, That the above two reports be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

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Sabbati, 5° die Maii, 1792.

ORDERED, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and, in anſwer to your meſſage of Tueſday laſt, to inform you, that the regiment of cavalry having been raiſed, and in part arrived, at the requeſt of this Houſe, for ſecuring the internal ſafety of the iſland at this alarming juncture, this Houſe will provide for the whole expence of it, from year to year, during the period that it may be neceſſary to have the ſaid regiment ſtationed in this iſland; although the terms and conditions are unprecedented in this colony, and what we humbly conceive an infringement on our inherent and conſtitutional rights, and different from the terms on which the requiſition for the ſaid regiment of cavalry was made; that this Houſe, however, conſider that as they already contribute their full proportion to the ſupport of the empire, they are entitled to an efficient protection from the Britiſh Government, adequate to their local ſituation and circumſtances, without being compelled to purchaſe that protection for the preſervation of their lives and properties"

Ordered, That Mr. Whitehorne and Mr. Vaughan be a Committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, with the above meſſage, who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Shirley, from the Committee appointed to prepare an humble addreſs to his Majeſty, reported the ſame, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again read,

Ordered, That the ſaid addreſs be engroſſed.

Mr. Shirley, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for raiſing an additional tax on the poll, for the pay and ſubſiſtence of Lieutenant Colonel Gardner's regiment of light dragoons, and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Mr. Grant, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to take ſlaves from the ſeveral workhouſes of this iſland, for certain purpoſes, and on certain conditions; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour.

And being met,—

The bill for raiſing an additional tax on the poll, for the pay and ſubſiſtence of Lieutenant Colonel Gardner's regiment of light dragoons, and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe, on Tueſday morning next, and that the Committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſq Lieutenant Governor, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to take ſlaves from the ſeveral workhouſes of this iſland, for certain purpoſes, and on certain conditions, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſq. Lieutenant-Governor, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to take ſlaves from the ſeveral workhouſes of this iſland, for certain purpoſes, and on certain conditions."

A motion being made, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for the better order and government of the ſea-port towns in this iſland, and for other purpoſes;

Ordered, That Mr. Fitch, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Cockburn, be a Committee for that purpoſe.

A petition of Alexander Donaldſon, Eſq. Contractor for victualling his Majeſty's troops in this iſland, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT, on the 14th day of February, 1791, the petitioner entered into a contract with the Commiſſioners of Public Accounts, which commenced on the 9th June laſt, and was to continue for twelve months certain, and afterwards until eight months notice on either ſide:

"That in the ſaid contract it was ſtipulated, that the petitioner ſhould be reimburſed for any loſſes which he might ſuſtain in conſequence of a war breaking out, or hoſtilities commencing, between Great-Britain and any foreign power:

"That the petitioner, therefore, conſidered himſelf as offering for the ſaid contract under a peace eſtabliſhment, and accordingly took it at a price much below what he would have done, had he not ſuppoſed himſelf completely covered by the aforeſaid clauſe from any poſſibility of ſuffering by the commencement and continuation of hoſtilities in any part of the world:

"That the rebellion of the ſlaves and people of colour, which broke out in the French part of the iſland of St. Domingo, in the month of Auguſt laſt, and which ſtill continues to deſolate and ruin that once flouriſhing colony, has operated infinitely more to the loſs of the petitioner than any war in which Great-Britain might have been directly engaged:

"That, in conſequence of this rebellion, rum has riſen to ſuch an enormous and unprecedented price, as to occaſion a loſs to the petitioner of ſuch magnitude as he cannot any longer ſupport:

"That

"That the petitioner, in order to comply with the terms of his contract, by iſſuing rum of twelve months old, is obliged to make large purchaſes of that article at this ſeaſon of the year, when there is the greateſt plenty at market, and when, of courſe, it may be purchaſed on the moſt reaſonable terms; but, in order to accompliſh this purchaſe, the petitioner will now be under the neceſſity of giving five ſhillings per gallon, inſtead of two ſhillings and ſix pence, the uſual price at this time:

"And praying the Houſe, either to relieve him from his preſent contract on the 9th June next, or to allow him ſuch an additional price, from that time, as the circumſtances of his caſe may ſeem to require."

Ordered, That the above petition do lie on the table, to be peruſed by the members.

Two meſſages from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

(FIRST MESSAGE.)

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to acquaint the Houſe, that, ſeeing the neceſſity of an augmentation of force, he laments that he is precluded from ſending for the two regiments from Halifax; as his Majeſty's commands, communicated through the Secretary of State, poſitively ſtipulate, that the iſland ſhall previouſly agree, and pledge themſelves, to defray the expence of the pay of the privates while ſerving here."

(SECOND MESSAGE.)

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to lay the annexed ſtate of the Maroon account before the Houſe, and he truſts that a further proviſion will be made, in order to enable him to pay ſuch demands as are vouched and atteſted as the law directs."

A STATE of the FUND for fitting out Parties of MAROONS.

Dr.

1791.								
Dec. 31.	To balance over drawn per ſtate from Receiver-General's office					£.	190	
	To account of Mr. Brodbelt for Scots-Hall Maroons, ordered to be paid - - - - -						20	
	To ditto of Mr. Douglas, for Maroons of Moore-Town, ditto						24 14	5½
	To ditto of Mr. Forbes, for Maroons of Accompong-Town, ditto						72	7½
	The following accounts, for ſervices in 1791, preſented to the Governor, but no payment ordered, viz.							
	Mr. Douglas's for Moore-Town	-	£.	34	7	1		
	Mr. Brodbelt's for Scots-Hall	-		69	8	9		
	Mr. Ingram's for Charles-Town	-		102	14	4½		
	Major James's for Trelawny-Town	-		190				
							396 10	2½
						£.	703 5	3½

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1792. *May* 1. By amount of the allowance granted for this year -	£.	500		
Balance deficient to pay off accounts preſented for 1791, after expending the allowance for 1792 - -		203	5	3¼
	£.	703	5	3¼

Note.—As ſome of the ſuperintendents, upon finding the Governor could not order payment, carried away their accounts again, the above ſtatement may not be perfectly correct, but is nearly ſo.

Ordered, That the above two meſſages be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Ordered, That the letter from the committee of Correſpondence, to the Agent, directing him to ſend out 5000 ſtand of arms and accoutrements, for the militia of this iſland, and the Agent's letter in anſwer thereto, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into ſuch Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the Committee, reported one reſolution, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again read, is as follows:

"THAT it be recommended to the Houſe, to ſend a meſſage to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, in anſwer to his firſt meſſage of this day, informing him, that the Houſe having aſſerted the inherent and conſtitutional rights of his Majeſty's ſubjects in this iſland to protection in all caſes whatever, and having declared, in the moſt explicit manner, the inadmiſſibility of the Miniſter's demand, with regard to providing for the expence of Britiſh pay to privates, whenever the forces in this iſland are to be augmented from circumſtances of internal policy, cannot at the ſame time, in juſtice to their conſtituents, but expreſs their apprehenſions from the melancholy accounts which daily arrive from Hiſpaniola, and intreat that his Honour will be pleaſed to ſend for the two regiments from Halifax in Nova Scotia; and to aſſure his Honour, that in caſe the miniſters inſiſt on a demand ſo contrary to the inherent and conſtitutional rights of his Majeſty's faithful ſubjects, and perſiſt to oppreſs them at a time that danger excludes all other conſiderations, this Houſe do hereby pledge themſelves to make good the expence that may ariſe from the pay to the privates of the ſaid two regiments, while ſerving here."

And a motion being made, and the queſtion put, that the Houſe do agree to the report,

It was reſolved in the affirmative.

And then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe, that the Committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, again on Tueſday morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that he had his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's permiſſion to adjourn till Tueſday, if the Houſe ſhould think proper.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Tueſday morning next, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Martis, 8° die Maii, 1792.

PRAYERS. THE engroſſed addreſs to his Majeſty was read in the words following:

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF JAMAICA.

" *MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,*

" WE, your Majeſty's dutiful and loyal ſubjects, the Aſſembly of Jamaica, moſt humbly beg leave to return your Majeſty our thanks for your paternal goodneſs, in affording protection to your faithful ſubjects in this iſland, by ordering two regiments, now ſtationed at Halifax in Nova-Scotia, to hold themſelves in readineſs to embark for this iſland; and to aſſure your Majeſty, that, in the alarming ſituation in which we are placed, by the rebellion ſtill exiſting with unabated force in Hiſpaniola, it is with infinite regret that we cannot avail ourſelves of your Majeſty's paternal care and anxiety for our ſecurity, owing to the unprecedented and unexpected condition annexed to it by your Majeſty's Miniſters, of explicitly pledging ourſelves to defray the expences of Britiſh pay to ſuch of your Majeſty's troops as may be ordered to our aſſiſtance; a condition that, if once agreed to by us, would prove fatal to the colony when the prices of ſugar ſhall be reduced to its uſual ſtandard. We humbly beg leave to repreſent to your Majeſty, that this colony was reduced to the utmoſt diſtreſs by the efforts made during the laſt American war, to reſiſt the united forces of all the foes of Great-Britain; that the diſtreſſes occaſioned at that time were

ſuch, that the whole ſugar crop, remitted to Great-Britain in the year 1783, paid little more than the duties to the Crown, and the charges of the Britiſh merchants; that, at the end of this unfortunate war, a ſucceſſion of hurricanes hitherto unknown ſo completely ruined many families, even amongſt the oldeſt ſettlers in the iſland, that a great number of eſtates were ſold to pay the debts incurred in the mother country; that the high price of ſugar unexpectedly has given ſome relief to the diſtreſſed planters, and that, though we lament the principal cauſe of ſuch high prices, we declare to your Majeſty, that only ſuch accidental and temporary increaſe in the value of our ſtaples could have ſaved this iſland from abſolute bankruptcy. We have always moſt chearfully afforded every additional ſubſiſtence and comfort in our power, not only to your Majeſty's troops ſtationed in this iſland, but to their wives and children, and our grants have been ſo liberal that we can venture to affirm, that the troops ſtationed in Jamaica are as healthy and better provided for than in any other part of your Majeſty's dominions; that the ſums which have been granted to build and repair the forts, conſtructed for the defence of the iſland againſt foreign enemies, to provide barracks and hoſpitals for the army, and for the pay and ſubſiſtence of our militia, in wars wherein the iſland had no other concern but being part of the Britiſh Empire, if referred to, will demonſtrate our zeal for the proſperity of the parent ſtate; but that, independently of the riſk of pledging ourſelves, whilſt the price of ſugar is ſo uncertain, we cannot vote the ſums demanded by your Majeſty's Miniſters, inaſmuch as we would thereby admit a principle directly repugnant to the rights of the inhabitants of this important colony, who are undoubtedly entitled to equal protection, and on ſimilar terms, (whether the danger ariſes from foreign wars or internal commotions) with thoſe of your Majeſty's ſubjects who have the happineſs of being placed near your ſacred perſon: It is a right moſt valuable, and which we cannot give up; and therefore humbly pray, that your Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to continue to afford us that protection, as heretofore, to which we are entitled, and the right to which we ſhall take care to preſerve by our loyalty to your Majeſty, and attachment to Great-Britain."

Reſolved, That the ſaid addreſs do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and, in anſwer to your meſſage of Saturday laſt, to inform you, that the Houſe having aſſerted the inherent and conſtitutional rights of his Majeſty's ſubjects in this iſland to protection in all caſes whatever, and having declared, in the moſt explicit manner, the inadmiſſibility of the Miniſter's demand, with regard to providing for the expence of Britiſh pay to privates, whenever the forces in this iſland are to be augmented from circumſtances of internal policy, cannot at the ſame time, in juſtice to their conſtituents, but expreſs their apprehenſions from the melancholy accounts which daily arrive from Hiſpaniola, and entreat that your Honour will be pleaſed to ſend for the two regiments from Halifax in Nova-Scotia; and to aſſure your Honour, that in caſe the miniſters inſiſt on a demand ſo contrary to the inherent and conſtitutional rights of his Majeſty's faithful ſubjects, and perſiſt to oppreſs them at a time that danger excludes all other conſiderations, this Houſe do hereby pledge themſelves to make good the expence that may ariſe from the pay to the privates of the ſaid two regiments, while ſerving here."

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr Shirley and Mr. Redwood be a Committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, with the above meſſage; alſo to deſire he will be pleaſed to tranſmit the addreſs to his Majeſty, in the moſt acceptable manner; who, returning, reported the delivery of the above meſſage, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would tranſmit the addreſs to his Majeſty, in the moſt acceptable manner.

The engroſſed bill to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to take ſlaves from the ſeveral workhouſes of this iſland, for certain purpoſes, and on certain conditions, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

A motion being made, that a Committee be appointed to bring in a bill to explain and amend an act, paſſed the 15th of March laſt, entitled, "An act to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent as far as poſſible the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family;"

Ordered, That Mr. M'Lean, Mr Galbraith, and Mr. Fitch, be a Committee for that purpoſe.

Two meſſages from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

(FIRST MESSAGE.)

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to inform the Houſe, that he will take immediate meaſures for bringing the two regiments from Halifax; that Admiral Affleck will diſpatch one of his Majeſty's veſſels to prepare them, that there may be no delay.

"I am alſo commanded to lay before the Houſe the intended diſpoſition of the troops; and his Honour truſts that the Houſe will give their directions, that the neceſſary barracks may be immediately begun: The diſpoſition of the troops is made with a view of ſaving conſiderably in the building of barracks, at the ſame time he thinks it will anſwer every purpoſe for the ſecurity of the iſland."

Intended DISPOSITION of the TROOPS.

1ſt regiment, (or Royals) 10 companies, Up-Park.
10th ditto, 8 companies, Stoney-Hill, 1 Lucea, 1 Port-Antonio.
13th ditto, 6 companies, Kingſton, 2 Savanna-la-Mar, and 2 St. Ann's Bay.
16th ditto, 10 companies, Montego-Bay.
20th ditto, Port-Royal and Up-Park.
49th ditto, Fort-Auguſta.
62d ditto, Spaniſh-Town.

20th ditto, Light Dragoons, 2 troops, Spaniſh-Town, 1 troop, Montego-Bay, and 1 St. Elizabeth.

Two troops of the cavalry being at Spaniſh-Town will afford the opportunity of their marching to any given point; and the General would endeavour that the cavalry ſhould be relieved yearly by a third of the troop at a time; by which means detachments will be frequently on their march, and both officers and men become acquainted with the principal communications of the iſland.

BARRACKS to be built in conſequence of the foregoing diſpoſition.

At MONTEGO-BAY, for one complete regiment, and one troop of Horſe.

At SAVANNA-LA-MAR, a ſecond company to be ſtationed there, therefore the barrack is to be enlarged.

At ST. ANN'S BAY, barrack already ready for one company, to be enlarged for a ſecond.

At SPANISH-TOWN, barracks, &c. for two troops of horſe.

At ST. ELIZABETH, barrack for one troop of horſe.

The Eſtimates of which cannot at preſent be preciſely aſcertained.

(SECOND MESSAGE.)

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to lay before the Houſe a return of the militia of the iſland."

A GENERAL

A RETURN OF THE MILITIA OF JAMAICA

	OFFICERS.								Non-Com. OFFICERS, PRIVATES, &c.								
	Commissioned					Staff			Whites			Mulatoes		Blacks			
	Colonels	Lieut. Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Cornets & Enfigns	Chaplains	Adjutants	Quarter Matters	Surgeons	Mates	Serjeants	Trumpets & Drums	Rank and File	Serjeants	Drums and Fifes	Rank and File	Serjeants	Drums and Fifes	Rank and File	Total
His Hon. Maj. Gen. Adam Williamson, Commander in Chief.																					
STAFF.																					
Col. John M'Donald, Adjutant General	1	2	2	10	19	8		2	7	1	4	27	5	248							336
Lt. Col. J. C. M'Anuff, Dep. Adj. Gen.	1	2	2	8	17	17		2	12	1	8	27	4	274							375
Col. G. Murray, Quarter Master Gen.	1	1	2	5	10	10	1	1	5	1	5	27	5	294							368
Lt. Col. H. Redwar, Dep. Q. M. Gen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
James Lewis, Esq. Judge Adv. Gen.	3	5	6	23	46	35	1	5	24	3	17	81	14	816	—	—	—	—	—	—	1079
CAVALRY.																					
Eastern division, or Surry reg. of horse	1	2	2	16	34	14	1	2	2	2	16	36	28	579	9	6	135	3	2	58	948
Midland division, or Middlesex reg.	1	1	2	7	10	5		1	1	1	6	10		106	3		30	3	6	30	223
Western division, or Cornwall reg.	1	1	1	5	5	4		1	1	1	1	6	3	96	3	1	36	3	1	24	194
	1	2	2	10	18	9		1	1	1	11	27		409	3		55	3	4	37	594
	1	1	1	4	5	4		1	1	1	1	6		121	3		32				182
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	5	7	8	42	72	36	1	6	6	6	35	85	31	1311	21	7	288	12	13	149	2141
INFANTRY.																					
Surry—*Five Regiments*, viz.																					
Kingston, two battalions	3	3	6	18	28	15	3	3	3	3	3	19	4	382	11	8	284	9	17	151	973
St Andrew's	1	2	2	13	11	16	2	2	2	2	2	33	4	428	5		101	3		39	668
Port-Royal	1	2	1	7	9	7	1	1	1	1	1	15	1	113	3	2	62	3	1	38	270
St. Thomas in the East, and St. David's	2	2	2	4	8	4	1	1	1	1	4	6	3	74	3	2	64	3	2	52	239
Portland	1	1	1	7	11	11	1	2	1	1	7	16		332	6	4	76	1	6	12	497
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	8	10	12	49	67	53	8	9	8	8	17	89	12	1329	28	16	587	19	26	292	2647
MIDDLESEX—*Five Regiments*, viz.																					
St. Catherine's, three battalions	1	1	1	6	7	4		1	1	1	1	9		156	9	7	117	3	1	23	348
St. Mary and St. George, 2 battalions	1	2	2	8	16	8	1	1	1	1	8	15	8	320	9	2	98			9	510
Clarendon	1	1	1	6	14	4	1	1	1	1	6	15	6	202	3		26			7	296
Vere	1	1	2	7	21	11	1	1	1	1	2	21		452	36		49		1	7	615
St. Ann's	1	2	2	10	20	11	1	1	1	1	8	21	1	353	6	5	70	3		19	536
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	5	7	8	37	78	38	4	5	5	5	24	81	15	1483	63	14	360	6	2	65	2305
CORNWALL.—*Five Regiments*, viz.																					
St. Elizabeth's																					
Westmoreland																					
Hanover																					
St. James																					
Trelawny																					

Note.—The artillery companies are incorporated with the foot

Total of Cavalry		1079
Number of Surry Infantry	2141	
Ditto of Middlesex ditto	2647	
Ditto of Cornwall ditto	2305	
		7093
Total of Jamaica Militia		8172

Dated this 13th day of January, 1792.

J. MACDONALD, *Adjutant General.*

N.B. 6008 ſtand of arms have been iſſued to the different pariſhes.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the above meſſages, and papers therewith ſent, be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland, immediately.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into ſuch Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr Blake, from the committee, reported ſixteen reſolutions, which he read in his place and delivered in at the table; where, being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follow:

" 1. THAT it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the additional poll-tax bill, directing the Receiver-General for the time being to pay to the order of the Commander in Chief, the ſum of £ 203 : 5 : 3¾, in addition to the grant made for fitting out parties, agreeable to his Honour's meſſage of the 5th inſtant.

" 2 That it be recommended to the Houſe, to ſend a meſſage to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, informing him. that the Houſe have voted the ſum of £. 203 : 5 : 3¾, in conſequence of his meſſage of the 5th inſtant, reſpecting the maroons; but that the Houſe will not hereafter exceed the uſual ſum of £ 500 granted annually for fitting out parties.

" 3. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the additional poll-tax bill, authorizing the Receiver General for the time being to pay a ſum not exceeding £ 19711 : 9 : 5 for the pay and ſubſiſtence of Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Gardner's regiment of light dragoons for one year; and deducting from the ſaid ſum at the rate of 8½d ſterling per day, for each man, being the ſum allowed for forage.

" 4. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the additional poll tax bill, authorizing the Receiver-General for the time being to pay a ſum not exceeding £ 2451 : 10, for horſe-urniture and and accoutrements for the uſe of the regiment of light dragoons, at the rate of £. 5 : 16 : 9 ſterling per man, as per the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

" 5. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the additional poll-tax bill, authorizing the Receiver General for the time being to pay a ſum not exceeding £. 6000, towards the purchaſe of horſes for the uſe of the regiment of light dragoons.

" 6. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the additional poll-tax bill, authorizing the Receiver-General for the time being to pay a ſum not exceeding £. 7200, for the ſubſiſtence of the horſes of the ſaid regiment of light dragoons.

" 7. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the additional poll-tax bill, authorizing the Receiver-General for the time being to pay a ſum

not

not exceeding £. 3000, to the Commiſſioners of Forts and Fortifications, towards the hire of houſes, erecting temporary ſtables, and a riding houſe, for the uſe of that part of the regiment of light dragoons to be quartered in Spaniſh Town.

" 8 That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the additional poll-tax bill, authorizing the Receiver-General for the time being to pay a ſum not exceeding £ 416, for the hire of 32 negroe-pioneers, for the uſe of the regiment of light dragoons; or for paying the fees of ſlaves which may be taken from the workhouſes to ſerve as pioneers, as directed by an act, entitled, 'An act to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſq. Lieutenant-Governor, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to take ſlaves from the workhouſes, for certain purpoſes, and on certain conditions.'

" 9. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the additional poll-tax bill, to authorize the Receiver-General to pay to the order of George Goodin Barret, Samuel Vaughan, junior, James Irving, Ralph Mountague, and John Mowatt, Eſquires, or any three of them, the ſum of £. 7000, towards erecting barracks, and, in the mean time, for hiring houſes if neceſſary, for one regiment of foot and a troop of light dragoons, and ſtables for the uſe of the ſaid troop, at or near the town of Montego-Bay, according to ſuch plan as may be approved of by the Board of Forts and Fortifications.

" 10. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the additional poll-tax bill, to authorize the Receiver-General to pay to the order of the Reverend Thomas Warren, George Murray, John Vanheelen, Thomas Stoakes Salmon, and Charles Rowe, Eſquires, or any three of them, the ſum of £ 1000, towards repairing the barracks and the officer's houſe, and building a ſtable for one troop of light dragoons, at Black-River, according to ſuch plan as may be approved of by the Board of Forts and Fortifications.

" 11. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the additional poll-tax bill, authorizing the Receiver-General to pay to the order of Alexander Fullerton, William White, Thomas Jenkins, Richard Wollaſton, and Henry Marſhal, or any three of them, a ſum not exceeding £. 500, for repairing the barracks at St. Ann's Bay, according to ſuch plan as may be approved of by the Board of Forts and Fortifications.

" 12. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the additional poll-tax bill, authorizing the Receiver-General to pay to the order of William Blake, John Lewis, George Murray, James Wedderburn, and John Graham, Eſqrs. or any three of them, the ſum of £. 700, towards repairing the barracks at Savanna-la-Mar, according to ſuch plan as may be approved of by the Commiſſioners of Forts and Fortifications.

" 13. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct the Iſland Store-Keeper to receive the 5000 ſtand of arms, ſent out by the Agent, on board the Jupiter.

" 14. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct the Receiver-General to remit to the Agent, the ſum of £. 7105 : 12 : 1 ſterling, in payment of the balance due for the arms purchaſed by him for the uſe of the militia of this iſland, and received by the Jupiter,

piter, John Foulerton, maſter; and that the clerk of the Committee of Correſpondence be directed to incloſe to the Agent a copy of this reſolution, and of the report of the Committee appointed to inſpect the arms ſent out by the Agent for the uſe of the militia of this iſland; and that the Agent be directed to apply to the Maſter-General of the Ordnance to take back the arms as being unfit for the militia, and refund the money; in which event, the arms will be returned by the firſt opportunity.

"15. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct the Receiver-General for the time being to import from Great-Britain a ſum not exceeding £. 60,000 ſterling, in ſpecie, in any manner that the ſaid Receiver-General and the Commiſſioners for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts may determine.

"16. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct the Receiver-General forthwith to proſecute the different collecting conſtables, who are in arrear, and their reſpective ſecurities."

And then Mr. Blake aquainted the Houſe, the Committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this iſland do cauſe the following bill, ſo ſoon as the ſame ſhall have paſſed the ſeveral branches of the legiſlature, to be publiſhed in the ſeveral newſpapers of this iſland for two months, "An act to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſq. Lieutenant Governor, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to take ſlaves from the ſeveral workhouſes in this iſland, for certain purpoſes, and on certain conditions."

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Mercurii, 9° die Maii, 1792.

ORDERED, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, to inform you, that the Houſe have voted the ſum of £. 203 : 5 : 3¾, agreeable to your Honour's meſſage of the 5th inſtant, reſpecting the Maroons; but that the Houſe will not hereafter exceed the uſual ſum of £ 500, granted annually for fitting out parties."

Ordered, That Mr. Vanheelen and Mr. James Mitchell be a Committe to wait on his Honour the Lieutenan Governor, with the above meſſage, who returning reported the delivery thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley and Mr Whitehorne be a Committee to carry the engroſſed bill of yeſterday to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto, who returning reported the delivery thereof.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the bill for raiſing an additional tax by the poll, for the pay and ſubſiſtence of Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner's regiment of light dragoons, and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Shirley took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr Shirley, from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill, where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill with the amendments be engroſſed, and that the title be "An act for raiſing an additional tax on the poll, for the pay and ſubſiſtence of Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner's regiment of light dragoons, and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned"

Mr. M'Lean, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to explain and amend an act paſſed the 15th day of March laſt, entitled "An act to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent as far as poſſible the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family, which was received and read the firſt time."

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Mr. Fitch, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for the better order and government of the ſea-port towns in this iſland, and for other purpoſes, which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour.

And being met,—

The bill to explain and amend an act paſſed the 15th day of March laſt, entitled "An act to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent as far as poſſible the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family," was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately, and that the Committee have power to receive clauſes.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into ſuch Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. M'Lean took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. M'Lean, from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill, where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill with the amendments be engroſſed, and that the title be "An act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent as far as poſſible the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family,' and to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent as far as poſſible the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family."

The bill for the better order and government of the ſea-port towns in this iſland, and other purpoſes, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the Committee have power to receive clauſes.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Jovis, 10° die Maii, 1792.

THE engroſſed bill for raiſing an additional tax on the poll, for the pay and ſubſiſtence of Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner's regiment of light dragoons, and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned, was read the third time.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent as far as poſſible the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family," and to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent as far as poſſible the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Blake, Mr Campbell, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Grant, and Mr. James Mitchell, be a Committee to carry the above bills to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the bill for the better order and government of the ſea-port towns in this iſland, and for other purpoſes.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Fitch took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Fitch, from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill, where, being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered that the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to prohibit the purchaſing, hiring, or employing, certain foreign ſlaves, except as therein mentioned."

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour,

And being met,—

The engroſſed bill to prohibit the purchaſing, hiring, or employing, certain foreign ſlaves, except as therein mentioned, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Fitch and Mr. Whitehorne be a Committee to carry the above bill to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, *nemine contradicente*, That the thanks of this Houſe be given to Rear-Admiral Affleck, for his great zeal and attention on all occaſions to the welfare and ſafety of this iſland, and the proſperity of its navigation and commerce; and that Mr. Speaker do tranſmit the ſame in the moſt acceptable manner.

A motion being made, that the Houſe do come to the following reſolution;

"THAT the Receiver-General do remit to Stephen Fuller, Eſq. our Agent, the ſum of three hundred guineas, for the purchaſe of a piece of plate, to be preſented to Rear-Admiral Affleck, as a ſmall teſtimony of the high reſpect and regard which this Houſe entertain of his merit, and for the great ſervices he has in his public character rendered to the country on every occaſion; and this Houſe, or any future Aſſembly, will make good the ſame.

The Houſe divided.

The ayes went forth.

Ayes, 20.—Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Fuller, Mr Wallen, Mr Redwood, Mr Shirley, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr James Mitchell, Mr M'Lean, Mr Vaughan, Mr. Blake, Mr. White, Mr. Grant, Mr. Galbraith, Mr Campbell, Mr. Rennalls, Mr. Barton, and Mr. Fitch.

Noes, 2.—Mr. Kemeys and Mr. Anderſon.

So it was reſolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Receiver-General do remit to Stephen Fuller, Eſq. our Agent, the ſum of three hundred guineas, for the purchaſe of a piece of place, to be preſented to Rear-Admiral Affleck, as a ſmall teſtimony of the high reſpect and regard which this Houſe entertain of his merit, and for the great ſervices he has in his public character rendered to the country on every occaſion; and this Houſe, or any future Aſſembly, will make good the ſame.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a letter he had received from Mr. Richards, informing him of his intention of leaving the iſland, on account of his health, and requeſting leave of abſence for twelve months.

Ordered, That he have leave for twelve months, in caſe he ſhall be ſo long abſent from the iſland.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this iſland do cauſe the bill, entitled, "An act for raiſing an additional tax by the poll, for the pay and ſubſiſtence of Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner's regiment of light dragoons, and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned," to be printed:—One copy whereof to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and each member of the Council and Aſſembly, one copy to each magiſtrate, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the veſtry, and twelve copies to the Receiver-General;

And, That he do cauſe the following laws to be publiſhed in the ſeveral newſpapers, for three weeks, viz.

An act to repeal an act, entitled, " An act to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent as far as poſſible the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family;" and to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent as far as poſſible the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family.

An act to prohibit the purchaſing, hiring, or employing, certain foreign ſlaves, except as therein mentioned.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Provoſt-Marſhal, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in the King's name, commands the attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Council-Chamber, immediately."

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, and the whole Houſe, went up, when his Honour was pleaſed to give his aſſent to the following bills: viz.

An act for raiſing an additional tax by the poll, for the pay and ſubſiſtence of Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner's regiment of light dragoons, and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned.

An act to repeal an act, entitled, " An act to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent as far as poſſible the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family;" and to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent as far as poſſible, the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family.

An act to prohibit the purchaſing, hiring, or employing, certain foreign ſlaves, except as therein mentioned.

An act to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to take ſlaves from the ſeveral workhouſes of this iſland, for certain purpoſes, and on certain conditions.

And afterwards his Honour was pleaſed to make the following ſpeech:

" *GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL,*

" *Mr. SPEAKER, and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" I HAVE given my aſſent to the ſeveral bills which have been laid before me; and it is with pleaſure I grant you that receſs which your private concerns muſt make extremely deſirable.

" *Mr. SPEAKER, and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" The ample proviſion which you have made for the additional forces, without burdening the poorer yet valuable claſs of ſettlers of the iſland, evinces a degree of prudence and humanity, which cannot fail of procuring the approbation of all conſiderate men.

" On the part of Government, every attention is due to you for the liberal ſupplies which you have voted; I thank you moſt cordially for them.

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" Some tribute is alſo due from myſelf, for the kind promiſes which you made of deciſive reſolutions, and which you have ſo honourably fulfilled; whereby my mind has been relieved from that anxiety and uneaſineſs, which a ſtate of ſuſpence always occaſions. Accept my grateful acknowledgments for the ſame; and be aſſured, that the candour which you have manifeſted will always be remembered by me with the greateſt pleaſure.

" *GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL,*

" *Mr. SPEAKER, and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" In diſmiſſing you, I have nothing material to recommend to your attention, but that vigilance and circumſpection which the critical ſituation of a neighbouring colony makes neceſſary.

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MESSAGE from the Lieutenant Governor, commanding the attendance of the Houſe in the Council Chamber, 1 —— with a letter from the Right Hon. Mr. Dundas, one of the Secretaries of State, ſignifying his Majeſty's pleaſure with reſpect to the augmentation of the infantry, and alſo the regiment of cavalry, 3; referred to Committee on the ſtate of the iſland, 7 —— that the Colonial Aſſembly of St Domingo decline the acceptance of the £. 10 000 ſterling voted them, 12 —— lamenting that he is precluded from ſending for the two regiments from Halifax, and laying a ſtate of the Maroon account before the Houſe, 19 —— informing the Houſe, that he will take meaſures for bringing the regiments from Halifax, and laying before the Houſe the intended diſpoſition of the troops, 23 —— with a return of the militia of the iſland, 24 —— commanding the attendance of the Houſe in the Council Chamber, 33.

MESSAGE to the Lieutenant Governor, deſiring to know when he will be attended with the addreſs, 9; reſiſting the Miniſterial demand of pay to the privates of the regiments to be ſent from Halifax, 11; engaging to provide for the whole expence of the regiment of cavalry, 17; entreating that his Honour will ſend for the two regiments from Halifax, and, in caſe the Miniſters perſiſt in their demand, pledging the Houſe to make good the pay to the privates, 22; that the Houſe have voted £. 203 : 5 : 3¾ for the maroons, but will not hereafter exceed the £. 500 granted annually for parties, 29.

MILITIA, a general return of, 25.

MONTEGO BAY, £. 7000 voted towards erecting barracks and hiring houſes, for one regiment of foot and a troop of light dragoons, at, 27.

NEGRO SALES, bill to explain and amend an act to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, ordered in, 23; read the firſt time, 29; read a ſecond time, and committed, 30; ordered to be engroſſed, *ibid;* to be printed in the newspapers, 33; aſſented to, *ibid.*

PETITION of Alexander Donaldſon, Contractor for victualling his Majeſty's troops, praying to be relieved from his contract, or to be allowed an additional price, 18; ordered to lie on the table, 19.

RECEIVER-GENERAL, to remit to the Agent £. 7105, 12*s.* 1*d.* ſterling, in payment of the balance due for arms, 27; to import from Great Britain £. 60,000 ſterling, in ſpecie, 28; to proſecute the different Collecting Conſtables who are in arrear, *ibid;* to remit to the Agent three hundred guineas, for the purchaſe of a piece of plate to be preſented to Rear Admiral Affleck, 32.

RESOLUTION of the 15th of March laſt, voting £ 10,000 ſterling in payment of bills to be drawn by the Government of St. Domingo on the Treaſury of France, reſcinded, 14.

RICHARDS, Mr. has leave of abſence for twelve months, 32.

RULES of the laſt ſeſſion to be the ſtanding rules of the Houſe, 1.

SAVANNA-LA MAR, £. 7000 voted towards repairing the barracks at, 27.

SECRETARY of the iſland, to ſend to the Houſe the ſeveral original laws in his cuſtody, 2.

SPEAKER, Mr. to authorize any perſon to print the votes, 7.

SPECIE, Receiver General to import from Great Britain £. 60,000 ſterling in, 28.

SPEECH of Lieutenant-Governor, at opening the Seſſion, 1; at the cloſe of the ſeſſion, 33.

ST. ANN'S BAY, £ 500 voted for repairing the barracks at, 27.

TROOPS, intended diſpoſition of the, 23.

VOTES, Mr. Speaker to authorize any perſon to print the, 7.

WORKHOUSES, bill to enable the Commander in Chief to take ſlaves from the, for certain purpoſes, ordered in, 15; read the firſt time, 17; read a ſecond time, and ordered to be engroſſed, 18; read the third time, and paſſed, 23; ordered to be publiſhed in the newſpapers, 28; aſſented to, 33.

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